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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 1640**

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : William Butler Cowden et al.  
Application No. : 09/142,597  
Filed : March 5, 1999  
For : USE OF COXIELLA BACTERIA TO TREAT AUTOIMMUNE  
DISEASE

Examiner : Sarvamangala J. N. Devi  
Art Unit : 1645  
Docket No. : 120081.403  
Date : December 11, 2003

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Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated June 11, 2003, please extend the period of time for response three months, to expire on December 11, 2003. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee. Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.